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To whom it may concerned:

I am writing this e-mail to express my disgust at the proposed Microsoft settlement.

Specifically with regard to documenting APIs and file formats. As a software developer I have spent many hours trying to determine how Microsoft APIs function. In many cases, functionality that is built into the operating system and used by Microsoft applications is either documented poorly or completely undocumented. The effect of this is it give Microsoft application developers an unfair advantage over ISVs.

A possible remedy would be to either split the company into application and operating system units or release the source code to the APIs. This would level the playing field for internal Microsoft developers and ISVs who are competing with them.

Regards,
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